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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RADIO LIBERTY

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1. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA AND I AGREED THAT WE WOULD RETURN TO THE MATTER OF RADIO LIBERTY WHEN I SEE HIM IN SAN SEBASTIAN LATER THIS MONTH, I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR ME NOT TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH HIM ONCE AGAIN. IF HE INDICATES THAT HE IS NOT READY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION (WHICH WELL MAY BE THE CASE, HAVING BEEN OCCUPIED WITH MANY OTHER MATTERS THIS MONTH) I WOULD PROPOSE TO SAY TO HIM THAT I WILL LEAVE IT TO HIM TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION AGAIN. IN THIS WAY, OREJA WILL BE REMINDED OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT BUT WE WOULD NOT BE PRESSING HIM FOR ANY IMMEDIATE ANSWER.
2. I AM SEEING THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION ON AUGUST 11 AND I INTEND TO BRIEF HIM ON RADIO LIBERTY SO THAT HE IS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO RL OPERATIONS IN SPAIN.
3. I THINK IT IS LIKELY THAT WITH SO MANY OTHER PRESSING MATTERS TO CONSIDER, THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT

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WILL BE PREPARED TO LET RADIO LIBERTY CONTINUE

FUNCTIONING FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WITHOUT ANY
CONTRACT. IT IS OBVIOUSLY NOT A PRIORITY MATTER
FOR THIS GOVERNMENT, AND IT MAY WELL BE DESIRABLE
TO LET MATTERS RIDE. BUT WE SHOULD BE ALERT TO ANY INDICATORS
OF THIS GOVT'S ATTITUDE THAT WOULD AFFECT OUR JUDGMENT ON
WHETHER TO
PRESS OR NOT.
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